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PUBLIC NOTICE

State of South Carolina
Department of Health and Environmental Control
Bureau of Water
2600 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Public Notice Number FERC-516-459 (2009)

October 26, 2009

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) has received an application for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341).

South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (SCE&G) operates the Saluda Hydroelectric Project (Project), which is licensed as Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 516-459. SCE&G is required to obtain a new license from the FERC in order to continue operating the Project. The current license expires August 31, 2010.

The Application for a new license was submitted to the FERC on August 27, 2008, along with a Comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Agreement (CRSA), signed by numerous state and federal resource agencies, non-governmental organizations and interested stakeholder organizations. The subject of this WQC is the continued operation of the Project under a new FERC-issued license and consistent with applicable sections of the Saluda Project CRSA.

More information, including SCE&G's complete WQC application package with maps and a detailed description of the project, as well as the CRSA can be found at the link below. You may also request a copy of the application package from DHEC's Freedom of Information Office. SCE&G's License Application to the FERC, the CRSA and other information are also available on SCE&G/Kleinshmidt webpage included in the link below:

<http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/water/salferc401.htm>

This public notice is being distributed to interested persons and agencies to gain comments, which will aid the SCDHEC in making a final decision regarding the project. All comments and data in support or opposition to the project should be submitted in writing to:

SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Division of Water Quality
Attn: Mark Giffin
2600 Bull St
Columbia SC 29201

Comments will be received at the above address until December 28, 2009.